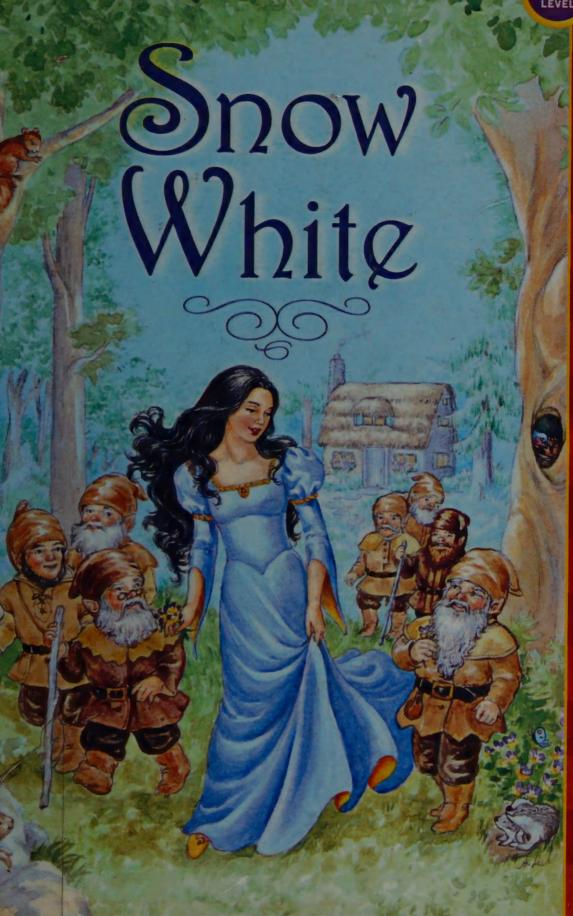
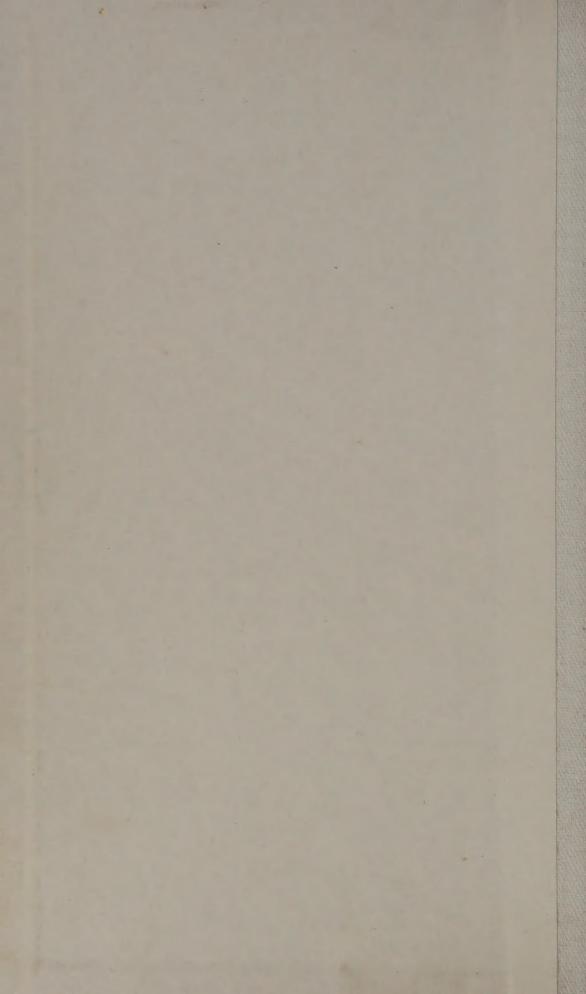
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• Encourage your child to retell the story. This is a great way

to check for comprehension.

 Have your child take the fluency test on the last page to check progress.

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Francie Alexander
 Chief Education Officer
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For Aunt Mary and Uncle Frank, with love always -B.L.

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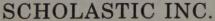
# Snow White



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Snow White was a princess.

She lived long ago.

Everyone but the queen loved Snow White.





The queen had a magic mirror. "Mirror, mirror, here I stand. Who is the fairest in the land?" the queen asked.





The queen was mad!
She told a hunter
to kill Snow White.



But the hunter would not kill her. "Run away," he said.

"And never come back."



Snow White ran and ran.
She was very tired.
Then she saw a little house.



Snow White peeked inside.

She saw seven little beds.

"I will take a nap," she said.











The queen was very mad!

She thought of an evil plan.

"I will give Snow White a poisoned apple.

She will die.

Then I will be the fairest," she said.



The queen dressed up as an old woman. Then she went to find Snow White.



When the seven dwarfs went to work, she knocked on the door. Knock! Knock! Knock!



Snow White looked out the window.

"I must not open the door
to strangers," she said.

"That's all right," said the queen.

"I don't need to come in.

But I want you to have this apple."







The queen's plan worked!

She went home and asked,

"Mirror, mirror, here I stand.

Who is the fairest in the land?"



"You are the fairest," the mirror said.

"At last!" said the queen.



The dwarfs came home.
They found Snow White on the floor.
They tried to wake her.
But they could not.

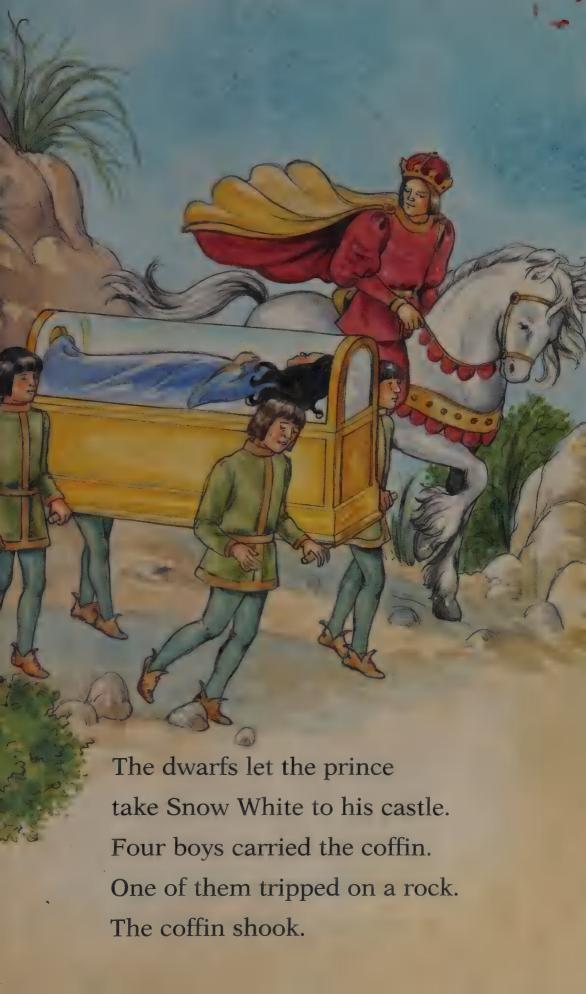


The dwarfs placed Snow White in a glass coffin.

Then they put the coffin on a hilltop.



One day, a prince
was walking in the forest.
He saw Snow White.
The prince fell in love with her.





The apple popped out of Snow White's mouth!

She sat up and opened her eyes.



She saw the prince and fell in love with him.





The evil queen was sent far, far away.

And she never hurt anyone again!

## Fluency Fun

The words in each list below end in the same sounds.

Read the words in a list.

Read them again. Read them faster.

Try to read all 15 words in one minute.

blow	ball	day
grow	call	gray
show	fall	play
slow	tall	stay
snow	small	away

Look for these words in the story.

lived more never who love

#### **Note to Parents:**

According to A Dictionary of Reading and Related Terms, fluency is "the ability to read smoothly, easily, and readily with freedom from word-recognition problems." Fluency is necessary for good comprehension and enjoyable reading. The activities on this page include a speed drill and a sight-recognition drill. Speed drills build fluency because they help students rapidly recognize common syllables and spelling patterns in words, and they're fun! Sight-recognition drills help students smoothly and accurately recognize words. Practice these activities with your child to help him or her become a fluent reader.

—Wiley Blevins, Reading Specialist





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